

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A dental device comprising a sheath for fitting over a tooth, the sheath carrying a haemostatic agent in at least one region thereof, wherein the sheath comprises a generally cylindrical body having at least a first end and a second end, at least one of said first and second ends presenting a circumferential margin carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent, and wherein the at least one end carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent is open to a cavity and the other end is closed, ~~and the closed end is constructed to yield upon application of pressure.~~
2. ***(Original)*** A dental device according to claim 1, wherein the cavity progressively narrows from its open end towards the closed end.
3. ***(Currently Amended)*** A dental device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the cavity is dome-shaped at its closed end.
4. ***(Currently Amended)*** A dental device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the generally cylindrical body comprises a cylindrical wall between said first and second ends, at least part of the cylindrical wall being stiffened.
5. ***(Original)*** A dental device according to claim 4, wherein the cylindrical wall is stiffened by application of a suitable non-toxic material.
6. ***(Original)*** A dental device according to claim 5, wherein the non-toxic material is gelatin.
7. ***(Currently Amended)*** A set of dental devices according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, the devices in the set being of different sizes.

8. **(Original)** A set according to claim 7, wherein the devices are colour coded to denote their respective sizes.
9. **(Currently Amended)** A method of inhibiting or preventing gingival bleeding, the method comprising placing over a tooth, a device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.
10. **(Currently Amended)** A method of retracting gingivae, the method comprising placing over a tooth a device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 and, optionally, applying pressure to the device~~ claim 1.
11. **(New)** The method of claim 10 further comprising applying pressure to the device.
12. **(New)** A dental device according to claim 1, wherein said closed end is constructed to yield upon application of pressure.